MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) Rs. 1313·62 lakhs (till the end of 11/1119).

(*b*) "Debt Head—III C. (a) V—Food stuff Advance".

(*c*) and (d) The expenditure is being audited by a Special Audit staff.

Transport of food grains.

9. *MR. XAVIER VINCENT: Will the Government be pleased to state what are the agencies transporting food grains and other articles of food purchased by Government to the various parts of the State from Cochin?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Government themselves are arranging the transport of foodgrains from Cochin to different parts.

Conveyance of foodgrains.

10. *MR. XAVIER VINCENT: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of country boats commandeered so far, for the transportation of food grains;

(*b*) the number temporarily or permanently released so far;

(*c*) the number under the custody of the District Magistrate on Special Duty for the purpose; and

(*d*) the agencies employed in commandeering and releasing such boats?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) and (*b*) No definite number can be given as it varies at different times.

(*c*) 582 at present.

(*d*) The District Magistrate on Special Duty and the Executive Engineer, Kottayam. Release of vallums is carried out under the orders of the District Magistrate on Special Duty.

Amount invested for the purchase and sale of foodgrains.

11. * MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount invested by Government for the purchase and sale of food grains in 1117, 1118 and 1119;

(*b*) the budget heads from which this amount was drawn to finance this business;

(*c*) the result of the transactions in the purchase and sale of foodgrains in each of the years 1117, 1118 and 1119; and

(*d*) the amount of loss or profit in each of the years 1117 and 1118?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR:

(*a*)

1117	*1118*	*1119*
Rs. 3·28 lakhs.	Rs. 386·02 lakhs	Rs. 924 32 lakhs

(*b*) "Debt Head-III C (*a*) V- Foodstuff Advance".

(*c*) The question is not clear.

(*d*) It is not possible to give the information at this stage.

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